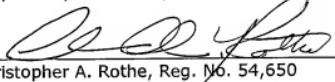


Remarks:

Claim 26 has been amended into independent form, to incorporate the base claim and any intervening claims, in view of the Decision on Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and passage of the application to issue.

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